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## Introduction

The South Dakota State Standards for Mathematics specify what students should know and be able to do as learners of mathematics at the end of each grade level or course. The order of the standards at any grade level is not meant to imply a sequence of topics and should be considered flexible for the organization of coherent learning progressions. The standards are written in a vertical progression that respects what is known about how students learn and how students' mathematical knowledge, skill, and understanding develop over time. The South Dakota State Mathematics Standards set a path for all students to become mathematically proficient and literate by emphasizing and engaging students in problem solving, communicating, reasoning and proof, making connections, using representations, and using mathematics to make sense of the world around them.

The South Dakota State Standards for Mathematics set grade-specific standards and targets for learning, but do not dictate curriculum or teaching methods. The standards also do not define the intervention methods or materials necessary to support students who are well below or well above grade-level expectations. It is beyond the scope of the standards to define the full range of supports appropriate for English language learners and for students with special needs. At the same time, all students must have the opportunity to learn

and meet the same high standards if they are to access the knowledge and skills necessary in their post-school lives. The South Dakota State Standards for Mathematics should be read as allowing for the widest possible range of students to participate fully from the outset, along with appropriate accommodations to ensure maximum participation of students with special education needs.

The South Dakota State Standards for Mathematics have two components: the Standards for Mathematical Practice and the Standards for Mathematical Content. The Standards for Mathematical Practice describe varieties of expertise that mathematics educators at all levels should seek to develop in their students. These practices rest on important processes and proficiencies with longstanding importance in mathematics education. The first of these are the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) process standards of problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, representation, and connections. The second are the strands of mathematical proficiency specified in the National Research Council's report *Adding It Up:* adaptive reasoning, strategic competence, conceptual understanding (comprehension of mathematical concepts, operations, and relations), procedural fluency (skill in carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently, and appropriately), and productive disposition (habitual inclination to see mathematics as sensible, useful, and worthwhile, coupled with a belief in diligence and one's own efficacy). The Standards for Mathematical Practice describe ways in which developing student practitioners of the discipline of mathematics increasingly ought to engage with the subject matter as they grow in mathematical maturity and expertise throughout the elementary, middle, and high school years.

The Standards for Mathematical Content are a balanced combination of procedure and understanding. It is important to take advantage of opportunities in the standards to connect the practices to the content. Students who lack understanding of a topic may rely on procedures too heavily. Without a flexible base from which to work, they may be less likely to consider analogous problems, represent problems coherently, justify conclusions, apply the mathematics to practical situations, use technology mindfully to work with mathematics, explain the mathematics accurately to other students, step back for an overview, or deviate from a known procedure to find a shortcut. In short, a lack of understanding effectively prevents a student from engaging in the mathematical practices. In this respect, those content standards which set an expectation of understanding are potential "points of intersection" between the Standards for Mathematical Content and the Standards for Mathematical Practice. These points of intersection are intended to be weighted toward central and generative concepts in the school mathematics curriculum that most merit the time, resources, innovative energies, and focus necessary to qualitatively improve the curriculum, instruction, assessment, professional development, and student achievement in mathematics.